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Letter from Syria

BY A. S. BARKETT

Judith, Margeon,
Syria, Turkey.

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Dear old friends: As I have not written you in some time, will try and write a letter for you and your good readers, who are all my friends. None of you will forget A. S. as long as he is away from you.

The last traveling we did before our baby was born was to the plains of Haula, to our farm. A very good size crowd went down with us. Myself, wife and Mabel, Clyde and Albert Edward, two cousins who have just come from Brazil and their two Brazilian wives, also Mrs. Nedda, a very close friend of ours and the supposed mother-in-law of J. S. Barkett, of your city, ha, ha! We mounted our horses one evening and went down to Haula. It took us three hours to get there. None of us had to hire any horses as my oldest brothers, Naiman and Kamil, were already down on the farm and they sent us about ten head of horses and three men to serve us and attend to the children along the way. We got to our plantation about sun-down but as we were expected my brothers had supper ready for us. A fine young lamb, stuffed and baked, with an appetizer for the men of the celebrated Syrian wine, which Brother Mose Barkett does not like at all, then as the ladies were getting fatigued and hungry, we had to eat supper, after which a great crowd of Ghawarina (natives of Haula) came over to see us. After coffee was served to them, Brother Naiman asked them to dance some for his guests. So they all got up and formed a circle, men and women starting together dancing and singing. We were all tickled to death, more especially the little fellows. Every time they made a halt Clyde would holler and say start again, using the Arabic language, in which he is getting quite proficient. My children are learning fast. Little Mabel goes to school every day, carries her dinner and beats lots of the Hickmanites of her age.

After two days stay on the farm, a preparation was made to go to the head of the river Jordan. Next day we got all the horses on the place, one sheep, all the eatables necessary and four quarts of wine, which we had to drink so the water would not make a change on us. The head of the river is some six miles from our farm over an awfully rough road. We had to cross waters a dozen or more times as the head of the plain of Haula touches the Mount of Hermon and there is where all the water in that section gathers. There is the slushy in two or three branches, also the Jordan and other little streams, the beds of which are nothing but round rocks which make awfully hard and rough on horses when crossing. We certainly had a time getting to it. Our Lord Jesus

Christ must have picked out the very roughest part of the country for his travel. It took us over two and a half hours to get there, but I must say it is a pretty sight, everything around there looks natural. I dare say that ten per cent of your readers have not seen such a sight or such a rough country in all their lives. The head of the river Jordan and around its banks is something very beautiful, shade trees of all description. There are two oak trees only a few steps from the water that look to be over two thousand years old, at least, and I think they will be there as long as the world lasts. The water of the river Jordan is clear and cold as ice, and a rocky bed. It is the prettiest river for its size and water and situation I ever saw. When we got things arranged and the ladies were getting dinner ready, I and my two cousins pulled off our shoes and stockings, rolled up our pants and got in the water. It is hardly knee deep at the deepest point about the head but further down it gets deeper. I brought along with me some small rocks and shells right from the place where our Saviour was baptized, also a quart bottle of its sacred water. I am going to give all my friends something from that noted river.

About four miles south-east of it is the old city of Banyas, some four or five thousand years old, also close to it lays the old fort of Banyas, a fort about the size of Shaker, which I told you about in a previous letter. The little city of Banyas is a little town about the size of Troy, Tenn. Mostly all Mohammedans whose minds need cultivation, and all that section of the country needs cultivation of its people. I daresay that if the country of Syria was ruled by a nation like Great Britain or great U. S. A., or governed itself, it would be far better and richer than what it is for it is ruled by the Turkish people, who need some other country to rule over them.

The country of Syria is a poor country itself, but the land is very rich and mining is also rich, all still under the ground as the Turkish government will not permit any one to buy or sell or dig any of the minerals. This country needs Uncle Sam to better it in all departments.

I will return to the subject. A few wanted to stay all night there but we finally decided to return to our farm. We were met by friends of my brothers, who own all the land around the river, who begged us awfully hard to go back and stay all night at their house, but as it is located about a mile and a half from the river we decided not to accept the invitation. We got back to the farm about 8 o'clock at night. If we had not had the ladies with us we men were going to stay about 10 days, but the great crowd of ladies and children kept us from spending a week anyhow at this sacred spot. But still we spent ten days on the farm, and certainly enjoyed our trip. The children got as fat as pigs on chickens, and the noted buffalo milk which is noted for its richness.

When we all got tired of the place we came back home, all feeling extra fine and wishing that you and all our friends in Hickman could have been with us on this trip. Especially H. F. Remley, A. A. Faris, F. S. Moore and Percy Jones, with W. F. Blakemore to keep the peace, Faris Naifeh to catch the fish, Mose to drink the wine, Alex. Naifeh to cook the lamb, Henry Helm and Henry Cowling to eat the fish, and A. S. Roeddale to pick the bones as the fish of the River Jordan are full of little bones. I wish you and all our friends a Merry Christmas, good luck great success and prosperity.

Think of us till we meet again.
Your friend,

A. S. BARKETT

Oce Harris will relinquish his lease on the cigar, soda fountain and candy business at the Hickman Drug Co. the first of the year, and will devote his time to the new steam laundry.

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Ewel Haynes, who had the misfortune to get the little finger of his left hand badly hurt in one of the presses at the veneer mill, last week, had to have the finger amputated just above the second joint, Friday.

W. G. Anderson informs a Courier man that he has just finished setting out 40,000 catalpa and locust trees for S. L. Dodds, on his east farm. These trees make excellent fence posts, and the growing scarcity of native post timber, prompts Mr. Dodds to take this step. Other farmers will do well to follow the example.

Seven cars of local freight per day is the high water mark on three consecutive days last week at the Hickman freight depot. R. B. Johnson tells us that 21 cars in three days is the biggest shipment of local freight ever received here. And this is the best evidence of the volume of business done by Hickman merchants.

B. C. Sullivan, of the firm of Sullivan Bros., came over from Mayfield Saturday and spent the day.

"Uncle" Jeems Long returned Saturday from Dyersburg, Tenn., where he has been visiting his son for several days.

Levee Notice.

This is to notify the parties that have subscribed to the levee fund and have not paid must come forward and do so at once. The contract has been let and the work is now being done, and the funds that have been collected are now being disbursed and before the levee can be completed it is necessary that every dollar be paid that has been subscribed. This will be the last time that this money will be called for in this manner, and if the delinquent subscribers do not come forward and arrange in some way the amounts subscribed by them we will be compelled to collect same by law, which we shall proceed to do.

You will please comply with this request and save costs.

C. L. WALKER,
Chairman.

Mr. Grimes, formerly on the Stack-er Lee, is here now with his family in West Hickman.

A. I. Owen, of McKenzie, was here Friday and Saturday of last week to visit his son, A. E. Owen.

Mrs. F. S. Moore and daughter, Dorothy, left Sunday night for Villa Ridge, Ills., to spend two weeks with her parents, Dr. B. A. Royall and wife.

Miss Millie Hinshaw, who is living with relatives in East Prairie, Mo., and attending school there, is spending the holidays with her parents, W. A. Hinshaw and wife.

The Cairo Citizen has installed a modern press and are now printing a paper that can be read. They have also increased the size of the sheet from 6 to 7 columns.

W. C. Reed, J. T. Stephens and A. A. Faris spent a few days on Reelfoot Lake last week hunting. They report pretty good luck. Reed says Mr. Stephens is of the opinion that the lake water is cold.

J. B. Lunsford arrived here last Friday from Chicago, where he has been holding a position with the Western Electric Co., since March. He came home to spend Xmas with his parents, L. C. Lunsford and wife, of East Hickman.

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